

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Application No.: 10/593,697	)	
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For: OPTICAL MODULATOR	)	
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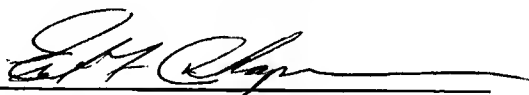
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